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May 29, 2003

Date of Signature

PATENT
Case No. 3086/1293 (BH2079.D1)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Zimmerman et al.

Serial No.: 10/046,415

Filed: October 25, 2001

For: METHOD FOR SLOWING THE
DECOMPOSITION OF A
COSMETIC COMPOSITION

Group Art Unit: 1651

Examiner: Lilling

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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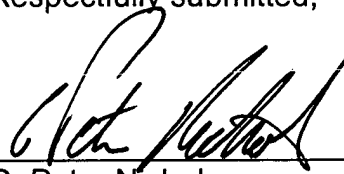
Dear Sir:

This responds to the outstanding Office Action mailed March 1, 2003. In the Office Action, the Examiner required an election of a species selected from (a) tyrosinase inhibitors, (b) free radical scavengers, (c) chelating agents, or (d) mixtures thereof. In addition, the Examiner noted that claim 13 is generic.

In response, Applicants elect group (a): tyrosinase inhibitors.

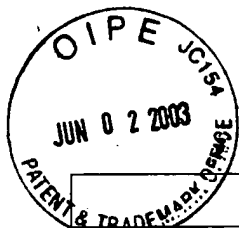
Applicants believe that all the claims are in condition to be allowed and respectfully requests the same. If, for any reason, the Examiner feels that the above amendments and remarks do not put the claims in condition for allowance, the undersigned attorney can be reached at (312) 321-4276 to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Peter Nichols', is written over a horizontal line.

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Inventor(s) ZIMMERMAN ET AL.			
Title of Invention METHOD FOR SLOWING THE DECOMPOSITION OF A COSMETIC COMPOSITION			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is a (1) Response to Restriction Requirement; (2) PTO Transmittal letter (in duplicate).

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for a _____ month extension of time.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.
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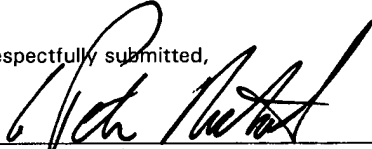
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+ \$140 =	
Total add'l fee	\$

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x \$18 =	
x \$84 =	
+ \$280 =	
Total add'l fee	\$

- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$_____. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


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